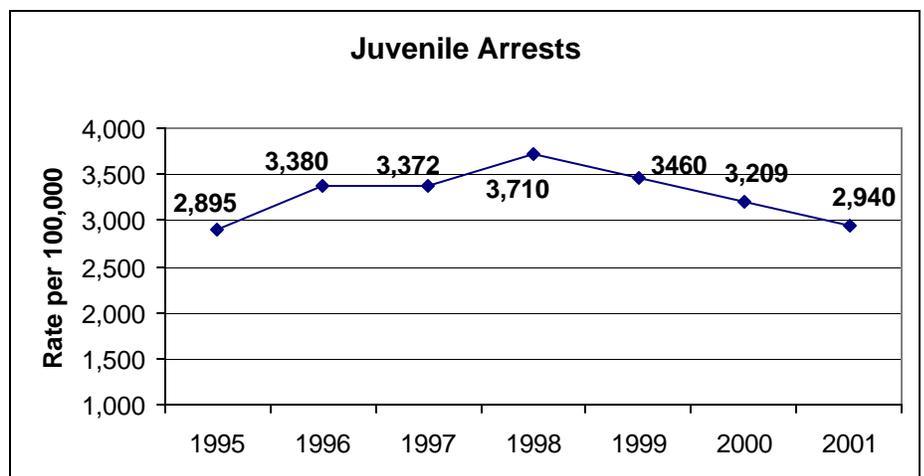
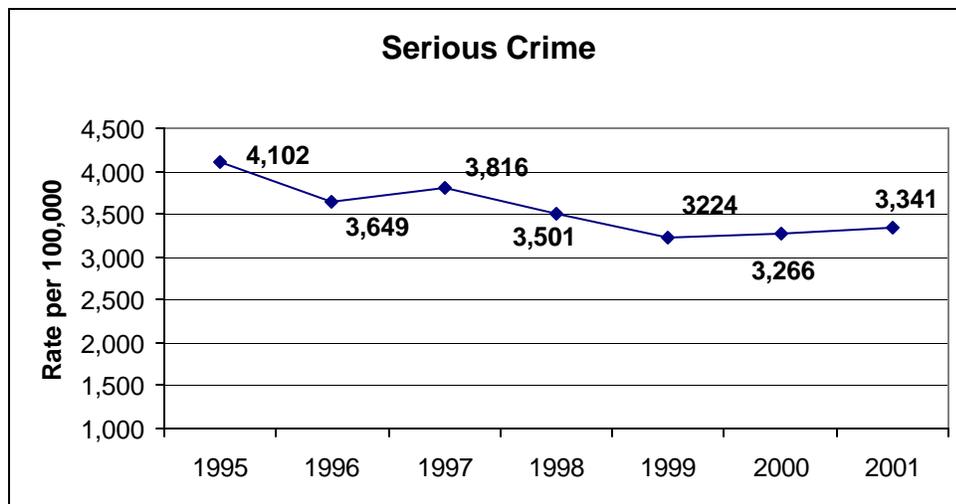


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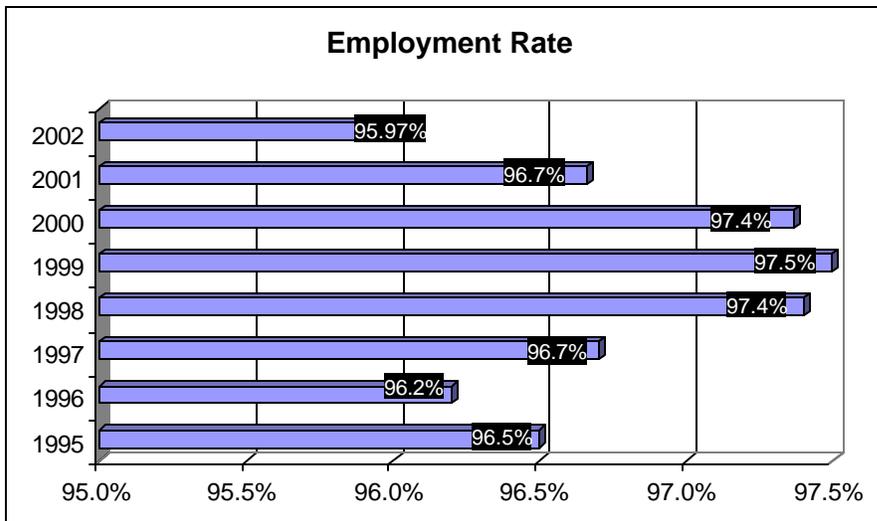
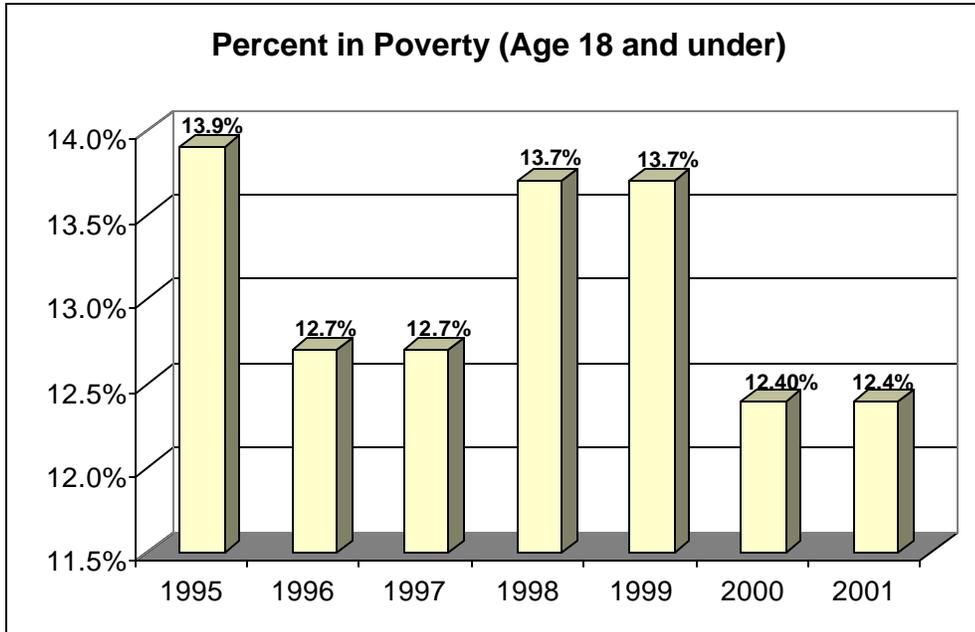
# Safe and Supportive Communities

Collaboration and local decision making are basic principles of Community Empowerment. It is believed that citizens in their own communities will identify and implement the best means for attaining desired results. Community Empowerment Area boards comprised of community leaders including education, health, human services, faith, business and consumers work together to plan and fund programs that will best meet the needs of their local community. Implementation of community plans focusing on early childhood establishes the structure and community supports necessary to ensure on-going success.



## State Results and Indicators

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The 2003 Kids Count Report ranks Iowa 5<sup>th</sup> best overall for children, based on indicators of child well-being.

Some specific indicators include:

9<sup>th</sup> best for teen birth rate births per 1,000 females ages 15-17 (18/1,000)

6<sup>th</sup> best for children living in poverty (11%)

3<sup>rd</sup> best for percent of teens who are high school dropouts ages 16-19 (6%)

1<sup>st</sup> for percent of children living in families where no parent has full-time, year-round employment (16%)

6<sup>th</sup> best for percent of families with children headed by a single parent (24%)